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HUNDREDS DYING DAILY OF HUNGER

In the Famine-Stricken
Capital.

AWFUL CONDITIONS PREVAIL

In Mexico City, Where Fam-
ished Beggars Are Seen
In All Quarters.

SHRIVELED LITTLE MOTHERS

Mexico City, June 7.—All the horrors that have gone before in Mexico City since the revolution began are heavenly in comparison with the unprecedented famine that has befallen this cut off from the world capital.

While the revolutionists of the wretched country are roaming up and down the railroad lines, sacking, ravaging and destroying with the ferocity of locusts, Mexico City, severed from the still remaining areas of production as completely as from the ports, is literally and rapidly starving to death.

The scarcity of food supplies was the first necessity, which began to make itself felt keenly in the early days of the second Carranzista regime, has now reached a stage of famine unequalled elsewhere in the world, except possibly in Belgium, and certainly nothing in Belgium can be worse than the suffering and starvation in Mexico City.

Under foot everywhere in the streets of the capital are the most insistent beggars in the world. Since the food situation became acute their number has increased a hundred fold. They infest the central thoroughfares; every doorway is littered with them. In front of the restaurants and clubs they cluster like flies and fairly swarm around the well-dressed patron, importuning him with their pitiful appeals until he scatters his loose cash among them.

The majority of the beggars in the streets of Mexico these days are little mothers so shriveled with hunger that their skins have come to look like cracked leather. Their clothes are rags, nothing more, and they show their breasts unashamedly. Money, food—anything—they clutch for as ravenously as the street dog does a thrown bone. Here they have literally taken the place of the street dogs, for they long since ate them.

Then there are the cripples which the revolution has produced so numerous in every city, town and pueblo in Central as well as Northern Mexico. They, too, crawl about in shreds of clothing, and when you step around or over them they thrust at you loathsome stumps of arms or legs and whine to you to give them centavos.

And in every street in the central part of Mexico City roam wolfish packs of half naked, incredibly filthy children who are forever darting in and out of the throngs, crying for something to eat.

When the starving peons are no longer able to shuffle about the streets, plucking you by the sleeve, entreating you to give them alms, they crawl into the doorways—half a dozen huddled together like dogs—and in the morning the city carts come along and, just as rubbish is collected in an American city, the bodies are picked up and carried away.

Twice recently starving women have swarmed into the Chamber of Deputies, where the delegates to the sovereign convention were exciting themselves into frenzy over phrases for a new constitution, and receiving from the depleted Treasury 50 pesos a day.

Each time soldiers cleared the elegant building of the intruders, and the delegates resumed their open bouffe.

The convention, before it adjourned to spend the rest of the night swirling around the restricted district in stolen automobiles, appropriated a half million pesos for sending a commission to Washington to ask President Wilson to recognize it as a Government, and 50,000 pesos for purchasing cereals.

Out in the hills their "army" is fighting the battle for liberty by holding up food trains, caravans and

carts, murdering the occupants and taking the supplies.

From starvation alone since the first week of May the average daily death rate has jumped from scores to hundreds. It is estimated by the Ayuntamiento—the Town Council—that 500 persons are dying every day of hunger. It also is predicted by the Ayuntamiento that within two weeks, unless communication is established with the producing states, the total will reach 7,000 daily.

AMERICAN WOMAN HOLDS MEXICAN BANDITS AT BAY

Nogales, Ariz., June 3.—One American woman barricaded in a ranch house, stood off five Mexican bandits yesterday until help arrived, according to reports which reached the border to-day.

Mrs. I. E. Bowers, wife of a rancher at Noria, Sonora, in the absence of her husband, protected herself and their home until Villa scouts, attracted by firing, drove the bandits away. She was reported to-day as still barricaded in the house. Her husband was at Agua Zanca, twelve miles south of here, where his automobile broke down.

Previous reports were that he was with his wife.

A FRENCH AIR FLOTILLA ATTACKS HEADQUARTERS

Of German 'Crown Prince'—
Bombs and Hail Of Steel
Arrows Fell.

London, June 5.—Swooping from on high in the gray light of early dawn, a French air flotilla, comprising 29 aeroplanes, dropped 178 bombs on the field headquarters of the German Crown Prince.

The air squadron left its base behind the French lines while it was dark, and between 4 and 5 o'clock appeared above the German headquarters. Amid a hail of shell and shrapnel the aviators took turns dropping their supplies of high explosives and, their work ended, flew away unharmed.

The French night communique, received here from Paris, fails to state the location of the Crown Prince's headquarters. Besides bombs the airmen loosed a hail of steel arrows, several thousand being thrown. A number of the bombs, it is stated, reached their mark, but no estimate of the damage done is possible.

Outside of this daring sally there was little activity in the western theater to-day. Violent fighting continues in the German field work known as the "labyrinth," southwest of Neuville-St. Vaast, and the French report further gains in the trenches and cross trenches of this maze. Berlin reports that lively fighting is still going on in the region north of Arras, the struggle for the sugar refinery at Souchez, which already has changed hands several times, being particularly violent. At last reports the French held this position.

Repeated trench attacks in the Souchez-Neuville front, which at times raged hand-to-hand, were repulsed with heavy losses to the attacking forces, Berlin reports. The German War Office also states that the Teuton artillery was forced to destroy the tower of the Church of St. Martin in Ypres, as artillery observation posts had been discovered there.

On the British front around Ypres heavy fighting in which the Germans claim the advantage, has been going on around the village of Hooke, a point strongly fortified by the British. Only yesterday the British reported the capture of Chateau Hooke.

JAPAN'S WAR EXPENSES ALREADY ARE \$50,000,000

Tokio, June 7.—Minister of Finance Wakatsuki announced at the diet session that the supplemental budget would call for \$2,000,000 yen (\$24,000,000), which would be used for the creation of two new army divisions, naval construction, and educational, industrial, and harbor works.

The allotment for the navy is 13,000,000 yen (\$159,000,000), but no details were given as to the purposes for which it would be used.

The finance minister told the diet the war expenditures up to the present time had been approximately 100,000,000 yen (\$1,200,000,000).

COUNTY UNION OF THE A. S. OF E. HAS MEETING

Formulate Plan To Employ Business Agent—An Interesting Session.

The Ohio County Union of the A. S. of E. was called to meet at the court house at Hartford, May 29th, and was called to order at 1 o'clock p. m. by president S. L. Stevens. Minutes of the last meeting were omitted and after a few remarks by the president the body proceeded to business.

It was moved and carried that the chair appoint a committee to investigate the prospect of getting a car of stock for shipment or sale, about the last of June or the first of July, and Henry M. Pirtle was appointed.

Moved that there be a committee elected to see the Board of Directors of the Tobacco House at Hartford to take an option on rental of the house until December 1st. J. S. Cecil and E. C. Baird were appointed.

The county secretary and treasurer then made his report of the business done since February, 1915, which was as follows: Collections, \$148.66; expenditures, \$73.03; balance \$75.63. Pounds of poultry sold 79,000; pounds of wool sold 2,700.

The following resolution was then presented and adopted:

Resolved, That this body select a committee of three to formulate a plan by which a county business agent may be employed on a per cent basis, said agent to, as soon as practicable, devote his entire time to said work, and that this committee look up material for said agent, who is to state what amount of time he is willing to devote to this work, until on a paying basis, for his entire time, and that this committee report to this body, at a date set at this meeting.

The following committee was appointed to do this work: E. C. Baird, L. P. Bennett, L. L. Porter.

Farm Demonstrator W. W. Browder met with the body and gave some good advice and talks which were highly enjoyed and appreciated, and it was moved and unanimously adopted that he be invited to meet with us at all meetings.

Moved and carried that this body meet June 12th to hear reports of above named committees. Adjourned.

S. L. STEVENS, Pres.

H. M. PIRTLE, Sec'y.

AMERICAN NAVY IS NOT PREPARED, SAYS FISKE

Annapolis, Md., June 7.—Rear Admiral Fiske, who attracted widespread attention by his statements to the House Naval Committee on the lack of adequate naval equipment, and who later retired from the office of aide for operations in the Navy Department, spoke at length on the unpreparedness of the fleet, here at the Naval Academy Alumni dinner. Admiral Fiske spoke of the needs of the navy and the necessity of making laymen realize them.

He said in part: "Reasoning on the assumption that the United States desires that the navy shall be able to guard our coast effectively against the only kind of attack that would be made, the navy must obtain several types of vessels and instruments that we do not now possess (or possess only in insufficient measure); must learn to use them, both as units and as members of one great unit, with a skill at least equal to that which foreign navies already use them; must enlist and efficiently train as large a force of enlisted men, active and reserve, as our probable enemy would send; and must develop a general staff or some similar agency as skillful and experienced as theirs."

Hemp In Jessamine.

Nicholasville, Ky., June 7.—The high price of hemp last year—\$10 the 100 pounds—has revived the hemp industry in this county. The hemp acreage this year is 25 per cent. larger than for many years. There is a good stand of hemp. The bulky stalks are of a rich, green color and growing rapidly. The fields of beautiful fragrant hemp give the county the appearance it had in the days before hemp yielded its place to tobacco.

Of course, some skirts are too short, but one that shows below isn't half as bad as one that shows through.

BAD WOUND INFLICTED BY HIS ROYAL SPOUSE

Said To Be Real Cause Of King's
Illness—Had Violent
Quarrel.

New York, June 5.—The New York Tribune to-morrow will publish the following under a Paris date:

"The illness from which King Constantine of Greece is now suffering, according to a statement made to-day by a diplomatic personage of a neutral power who has the best means of knowing the truth, is due to a tragic episode that took place in April. During a heated discussion between the King and his wife, Queen Sophia, who is a sister of Kaiser William, and who remains passionately devoted to the policy of her Imperial brother and to the cause of Germany, an animated conversation developed into a violent quarrel, during which Queen Sophia, whose outbursts of temper are well known to all about her, seized a sharp-pointed metallic paper knife and plunged it at her husband's side. The blade pierced the pleura and grazed the lower lobe of a lung.

"Queen Sophia instantly expressed the deepest sorrow at the consequences of her impetuosity. The truth was hushed up and the King gallantly attributed pleurisy that set in, to a result of influenza."

An Athens dispatch says that Prof. Elzeberg, of Vienna, to-day performed an operation on King Constantine, removing part of the tenth rib. The King felt some relief after the operation.

The operation indicates that the King is suffering from pleurisy with purulent effusion, which is known as empyema, the treatment for which consists of the removal of one or more ribs and drainage.

MONEY AGREED TO BE ADVANCED TO GROWERS

Lexington, Ky., June 5.—The solution to the problem of financial troubles of the Tobacco Growers' Association, the new organization formed here recently for the increase of the prevalent prices for Burley tobacco, was reached here when in conference with President Frank M. McKee, of the association, D. C. Mills, chairman of the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank, agreed to an advancement from the bank of seventy-five per cent of a certain valuation of the tobacco of the district to the growers through the new association.

A detailed explanation of the situation here was given to the representative of the reserve bank by President McKee along with a statement of the requirements of the new association. Provision was made for the valuation of the tobacco to be made through the Tobacco Growers' Association, the local banks and perhaps an agreed third party.

It is not even required by the reserve bank, according to the story, that the tobacco be deposited in a bonded warehouse, but that it be safely stored and insured.

New Death Engine.

Amsterdam, June 3.—The Amsterdam Tjld learns that the Krupp Gun Works are engaged in the construction of a new pattern of cannon, designed to hurl big charges of burning material, the projectile constituting a blazing burst of withering flame. The new war terror was recently inspected by the Kaiser and the German staff, and is, therefore, believed to be nearly ready for active employment in the field.

NATION WOULD BE AT WAR, BUT FOR WILSON

Philadelphia, June 3.—"If we had had a jingo in the White House," said former President Taft in an address at commencement of Bryn Mawr College to-day, "this country would now be at war with Germany."

"Instead," Taft said, "our Chief Executive is a man who appreciates his responsibility and realizes that, considering the temper of the people, a turn of his hand would plunge us into an international conflict."

Taft's address, outlining his ideas as to a permanent basis for international peace, was largely the same as the one he delivered in Cleveland May 12, when he urged the establishment of a world's peace league,

with a court to settle international differences by arbitration.

A conference will be held in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, June 17 to consider the establishment of such a tribunal. Taft will preside at the meeting.

MASKED MEN LYNCH A NEGRO AT PRINCETON

Princeton, Ky., June 4.—Arthur Bell, a negro, was taken from the county jail here last night by a mob of masked men and taken to the city limits in East Princeton and hanged.

Bell was arrested at Hopkinsville last Saturday and brought to jail here on a charge of having broken into the home of K. R. Cummins, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Representative, and stealing several valuable articles. After being placed in jail here, Mrs. B. Brandon, who lives two miles east of Princeton, came to the jail and identified him as the negro who attempted to assault her last Friday morning.

The mob consisted of about forty men and they went to the jail and demanded that the jailer open the doors and show them Arthur Bell, which he did. Bell gave his home as Clarksville, Tenn.

ASTOR BABY'S EXPENSES \$30,000 PER YEAR NOW

Mother Files An Accounting
For Heir of John
Jacob Astor.

New York, June 5.—John Jacob Astor, now in his third year, the posthumous child of Col. John Jacob Astor, who perished when the Titanic went down, has been living at the rate of approximately \$30,000 a year, according to the accounting filed to-day with the surrogate by his mother, Mrs. Madeline Force Astor, who is his guardian.

The court allowed Mrs. Astor \$60,000 for the maintenance of the little boy for three years, or \$20,000 a year. In the accounting filed to-day Mrs. Astor asserts that she has spent \$23,639 of her own money in addition for his maintenance. Chief items in the accounting are one-third of the taxes of the Astor Fifth-avenue home (the taxes being approximately \$30,000 a year), \$8,000 for professional service of physicians, lawyers and others, and \$5,000 for clothing, supplies and toys. Mrs. Astor asserts that she is informed that the income on the trust fund left by Col. Astor for the child is approximately \$140,000 and upon this assumption contends that it was Col. Astor's wish that his son be amply provided for. Of this income, she points out, she has been allowed only \$60,000 for three years. The money she has spent from her own funds in addition to the \$20,000 was expended from the date of the child's birth to December 31, 1914.

MANY PROTEST AGAINST FRANK'S COMMUTATION

Atlanta, Ga., June 5.—Thousands of Atlanta citizens to-night attended a mass meeting designated as a protest against the possible commutation of the death sentence faced by Leo M. Frank, who was convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan.

The protestants gathered in the capitol grounds. Passionate speeches were made by many, but no disorder resulted.

Handbills were distributed from early to-day until night. The purpose of the meeting, according to the bills, was "defense of trial by jury."

Solicitor General Hugh Dorsey, who prosecuted Frank, was invited to attend, but he declined.

Feeling in Atlanta is pronounced over the Frank case. Strong and unfavorable sentiment prevails because of the fact that people outside of the State have intervened in Frank's behalf.

Frank's application for commutations of sentence is now before the State Prison Commission.

Order To Cut Your Weeds.

There is an ordinance against people allowing weeds to grow in front of their premises in Hartford. All citizens are hereby warned to observe this ordinance and cut their weeds at once, and also clean up their premises.

214 O. T. O'BANNON, Marshal.

A divorce suit is a suit for suitors who are unsuited.

A FATHER SHOOTS TWO GROWN SONS

Family Quarrel Has Very
Sad Ending.

HAWESVILLE'S AWFUL TRAGEDY

One Dead, Other Dying From
Wounds—Parent Notifies
the Sheriff.

IT CAME UP OVER LITTLE BOY

Hawesville, Ky., June 6.—Frank Adkins is dead and his brother, Will Adkins, is dying as the result of wounds which they received from a gun in the hands of their father at the Adkins home place, about five miles from here, this afternoon. A. H. Adkins, the father, is being guarded at his home by the Sheriff and will probably be brought here to jail to-morrow.

The trouble is said to have started this afternoon when the brothers went to their father's place to inquire into reports they had heard that Will's son by his first wife, now living with his grandfather, had been mistreated. According to the story told by Mrs. A. H. Adkins, and the child in question, the men had finished their talk and the two sons were leaving when the elder Adkins told them not to come back again when under the influence of liquor.

Will and Frank then returned to the house and the father seized a pistol. He is said to have gone through the house, followed by his sons, and after climbing the yard fence, sought refuge in an orchard behind the house. The sons in the meanwhile are said to have armed themselves with a hoe and a hatchet and it was when they approached with these weapons in their hands that A. H. Adkins fired.

Will Adkins fell first with a bullet through his abdomen, and a moment later Frank was pierced by three shots, two in the chest and one in the hand.

Frank died in a few minutes and a doctor from here operated on Will Adkins in an effort to save his life.

Following the tragedy A. H. Adkins himself notified the Sheriff by phone of what had occurred and then awaited the arrival of the officers.

Frank Adkins leaves a wife and four children. Will Adkins has been married twice, but has no children by his second wife.

For Sale.

A big stock of Sisal Binding Twine—best grade. Also Binders, Mowers, Hay Rakes and other Farm Implements of all kinds. Also have three "Farmer's Favorite" Wheat Drills—never been used, bought at a bargain—which we will sell below cost. W. E. ELLIS & BRO., The Produce Men, Hartford, Ky.

BEAVER WAS CAPTURED NEAR WHITESVILLE, KY.

The Owensboro Inquirer of Friday says:

A large brown beaver, a very rare animal in these parts, was captured Thursday morning by Robert Martin, a farmer residing near Whitesville, when he saw it drinking from a ditch near the road and jumped from his buggy, creeping close enough to grab its tail. The animal was not wild and offered little resistance. Mr. Martin had no trouble taking it to the home of his father, Richard White, where it is now held. The beaver, because of its beautiful hide, is worth considerable money. The owner intends to keep it to raise as a pet. It weighs about 40 pounds.

DR. CHERRY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT BIG SCHOOL

Bowling Green, Ky., June 5.—At a meeting of the Board of Regents of the Western Kentucky State Normal School here Dr. H. H. Cherry, former president of this institution, was unanimously re-elected. Dr. Cherry resigned several months ago to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for Governor, from which he withdrew several weeks ago. Dr. Cherry has been president of this institution since it was established.